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SUBJ: DEATH OF PERMANENT SECRETARY GOBIR

1. NEWSPAPERS DEC. 30 REPORT DEATH OF PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, ALHAJI YAKUBU AMARI GOBIR, AGED 41, IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR MADRID, SPAIN, WHERE GOBIR WAS VACATIONING.
2. GOBIR, FORMER PERMSEC AT MINISTRY OF ESTABLISHMENTS, HAD TAKEN FIRM HOLD OF REINS AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE JUST PRIOR TO JULY COUP. ECON SECTION REGARDED HIM AS ONE OF MOST PROMISING PERSONAL CONTACTS: COOPERATIVE, INTELLIGENT, ENERGETIC, A FRIEND OF THE US.
3. USDOC OIM AND MEPD OFFICES MIGHT BRING GOBIR'S DEATH TO ATTENTION OF FIRMS CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN MINISTRY'S PROJECTS, I.E., PORT DECONGESTION, HARBOR CLEARANCE, LIGHTERAGE AND STATE TRUCKING COMPANY.
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